.Empanelment for the post of joint Secretary

1294. DR. MOHD. HASIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteifa for empanelment of names of the officers of Govern ment of India for the post of Joint Secretary from amongst those whose batch-mates have been promoted to the grade of senior administrative grade and whose names are down in the seniority list; and

(b) the number of such officers ! included in the panel for the post ; of Joint Secretary and the number j of those appointed as Joint Secretary during the last two years with their seniority position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) A minimum length of 17 years of service is necessary for consideration for empanel, ment as Joint Secretary in respect of officers belonging to All India/ Central Organised Group 'A' Services. However, pay scales are also taken into account for determining the eligibility of Group 'A' Central Services officers, wftth the object of keeping the size of the panels within a reasonable limit.

The officers who fulfil the above eligibility criteria are approved *or empanelment by the Government on the recommendations of the Senior Selection. Board (now Civil Services Board).

(b) During the last 2 years a total of 358 officers were empanelled for holding Joint Secretary* or equivalent posts, out of which 145 officers were appointed t_0 such posts at the Centre. Appointments to these posts are made keeping in view the qualifications/ experience etc. required for the job and the availability of eligible officers in the field of choice Suitability for a particular assignment rather than seniority is the determining factor in making such appointments.

Raid by CBI on the house of assistan manager Bokaro steel Limited

1295. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Ir vestigation raided the House of A sistant General Manager, Boka: Steel Limited, Bhawnathpur Min on the 29th March, 1987 and recovi red unaccounted money and otb articles;

(b) if so, details of the unaccoun ed money and articles seized; a"

(c) whether any action has be taken against the officer and if the deta&ls thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNI PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PI SIONS AND THE MINISTER < HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHI AMBARAM): (a) and (b) In pi suance of a case registered by C.l against a_n Assistant General Ma ger, Bokaro Steel Ltd., Bhawna pur Mines, the residential and of premises of the public servant wh searched by CBI on 26-3-87. ' approximate value of cash and ot movable and immovable assets <